

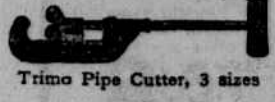
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CATERPILLAR ARMY GREATEST IN YEARS

Defeats Park Employees So
Far in Battle of Births
and Arsenic.

RAINFALL IS BLAMED

Trees Being Defoliated, Especially in Prospect Park and The Bronx.

In every park of the city and along the streets that boast shade trees young or old fierce combat is waged these summer days between the foresters of the Park Department and caterpillars as numerous as the drops of the sea. Up to now the warfare has been hardly more than even, though the carnage among moths and the expenditure of arsenic have been enormous.

Once every so often, about every seven years in fact, armies of caterpillars invade the parks, nest by uncountable millions in the foliage of the trees, go about the business of liberally propagating their species and then curl up and dry up in silvery chrysalis. That wouldn't be so bad if the squatters didn't feed upon their home, but they do, and devour enormous quantities of leaves, defoliating whole trees if not checked.

That has been the case this summer, and whether the long spell of rainfall had anything to do with the extraordinary visitation the park foresters know not. Day after day, in their brown overalls, streaked and smeared with the green of destructive arsenical compounds, they patrol the parks, squirting their death dealing liquids upon every discoverable infection. For weeks this labor has gone on, but the caterpillars are as yet unconquered and seemingly invulnerable.

Prospect Park, of the big city parks, has suffered the most, many fine trees in that breathing spot having been ridged by the voracious invaders, and the parks in The Bronx have been also afflicted. Shade trees in the avenues of outlying suburbs show denuded branches as the result of the steady feeding of the caterpillars.

To the department the variety of moth which deposits its eggs in trees hereabouts is known as the "tussock moth," a hardy fellow that little short of arsenic discourages.

HERMITAGE ON ROCKS; PROHIBITION BLAMED

Income Only \$290 a Day, Says
Mortgage Holder.

Justice Robert F. Wagner yesterday appointed Daniel A. Begley of 38 West Twenty-first street receiver of the Hermitage, Seventh avenue, near Forty-second street. The action was taken on application of the estate of Charles A. Cowen and of William N. Croxton, president of the Charles A. Cowen Company, construction engineers, of 30 East Forty-second street, seeking to foreclose a second mortgage of \$170,000. Frank C. Hurley, in control of the hotel; the Hermitage Hotel Company and nearly twenty others were defendants.

The property is subject to a first mortgage of \$375,000, held by the Greenwich Savings Bank, on which four payments aggregating a little more than \$44,000 have been made. Including the second mortgage, indebtedness amounts to \$255,582, according to the application for a receiver.

The "Hermitage Shoppe," operated by Mr. Hurley on the West Forty-second street side of the property, is made possible by use of the hotel dining room, kitchen equipment and other hotel property. To this Mr. Croxton objects. The property, he believes, cannot be sold at a price which will clear both first mortgage and other encumbrances. These total more than \$651,000.

"The hotel business since prohibition has fallen upon the business," says Mr. Croxton, "has become very unprofitable." The average daily income of the hotel recently has been about \$290, he says.

SYRACUSE WOULD EXPAND.

SYRACUSE, July 13.—Mayor Walrath announced to-day that his administration will urge the next Legislature to approve the annexation of several towns and villages adjoining Syracuse, Solway, East Weed and Onondaga Valley are included in the tentative program.

Frogs Troop After Boy as Rats After Pied Piper

PITTSBURGH, July 13.—A twentieth century Pied Piper of Hamelin, a frog luring Boy Scout, was brought to this city yesterday by John Nye, a coal operator in attendance at the national gathering of coal men at the William Penn Hotel.

The boy, Babel Hillyer, aged 11, of Enon Valley, Mr. Nye said, mimics so closely the calls of the male and female frogs that they are completely deceived and will follow from their hiding places and follow the lad as he walks along mouthing something that sounds like "Moorum, mooruk!"

The chief returns from the boy's skill, Mr. Nye noted, are frog legs.

JUDGE FEARS GRAFT IN LARGE CART TAX

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street market and the Sigel street market where there are two other such collectors—a supervisor and his assistants—the four of them collected \$400. The combined wages of those four men for a week is \$170. What we want to know is what became of the difference between \$170 and \$400.

After saying that he expected the fees to amount to \$500,000 for the year, commissioner O'Malley said that he estimated that 90 per cent. of that would be spent in administration and the balance would be turned in to the sinking fund.

"Before this ordinance went into effect every cent received and expended," he said, "and these records have been gone over by the Meyer committee and the comptroller's office. It was impossible to provide for the work in the budget this year, but it will go in next and our inspectors and supervisors will then be on the civil service list."

"Before this ordinance went into effect property owners were in the habit of charging push cart men \$40 or \$45 a month to do business outside their premises. Gunmen levied heavy tribute upon them and there was no regulation worth speaking of. Now they pay \$1 a week and have police protection. Strict sanitary regulations are enforced and we cart away waste from the push cart markets daily."

"We have complete records of each man for five years back and keep close watch to see that correct weights and measures are used. Sometimes our inspectors have found supervisors taking petty graft by permitting push cart men without licenses to occupy stands. We are not going to let this easily and supervisors who attempt this sort of thing are promptly 'fired.'"

"Naturally the ordinance displeases some of the gunmen who formerly derived most of their revenue through holding up the push cart men and also property owners who have been collecting from them for the privilege of doing business in the streets. But, however, and great benefits already have resulted."

NEW POOL ROOM LAW DOESN'T AFFECT CITY

Police Here to Start Cleanup,
Just the Same.

Frank S. McCaffrey, Deputy Commissioner of the State Tax Department, drew attention yesterday to an erroneous impression given in an account of the licensing of pool and billiard rooms under the new law governing such places. The account cited by Mr. McCaffrey was printed in THE NEW YORK HERALD July 10. Whereas it was said that the new billiard parlor law would result in a cleanup of objectionable pool and billiard resorts in New York, the fact is that the new law will affect only cities, towns and villages having population of less than 400,000.

However, the fact remains, as told in THE NEW YORK HERALD, that simultaneously with the inaugural of the law the Police Department in this city intends seeing to it that local pocket billiard rooms where gambling and the like has been going on and which have been the rendezvous for the criminal element are to be eliminated. The new State law will not affect New York city, but the police are planning to clean up anyway.

COLLIERY EXPLOSION; 12 DIE.
STIRLING, Scotland, July 13.—Twelve men were killed and five injured in a fire-damp explosion at the Plean Colliery near here to-day.

HEAT AND LIGHTNING KILL FIVE PERSONS

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ported. Sebastiano Duletto, 50, of 39 Gunter street, Corona, died in Flushing Hospital after he had been found unconscious at Sixty-ninth and Vine streets, Corona. Peter Nielsen, 23, was overcome and fell from a barge at Sixty-fifth street and Hudson River and was drowned. His body was recovered.

Lightning struck an aerial on the roof of 405 West Forty-fourth street, travelled down the lead in wire and burnt out a radio set owned by Charles Downes. The lightning then set fire to woodwork and curtains. Firemen extinguished the blaze.

In The Bronx, Staten Island and Brooklyn hundreds of cellars were flooded, causing damage and motorists marooned until the water subsided. Four workmen were injured when lightning struck a two story building at Fenton avenue, near Pelham Bay Parkway, and crumpled the structure. Three were taken to Fordham Hospital. The four were John Leoyant, 45, of 355 White Plains avenue; Frank Aligero, 40, of 321 East 144th street; Joseph Lauter, 36, of 48 White Plains avenue, and August Johnson, 327 Beekman avenue.

An automobile driven by James Murray of 540 West 166th street got out of control in the rain and crashed through the window of a Japanese restaurant at 2345 Broadway, striking Doris Schlotzhauer, a waitress. The machine also crashed into another on its trip across the slippery street. The waitress was cut and bruised.

The fire alarm system was endangered when the lightning struck the flagpole of the Fire Headquarters Building at 151 East Sixty-seventh street. A short time later another bolt struck the home of Mrs. Sophie Watts Sherman at 338 Fifth avenue, across the street from the Vincent Astor residence. About \$2,000 damage was done to valuable furniture. Mrs. Sherman is in Newport and had a closed house.

Numerous alarms of fire were turned in because water flooded cellar engine rooms and caused huge clouds of steam to pour from the apartment house basements. Persons seeing these steam clouds took them to be smoke and turned in alarms. No estimate of the property damage could be obtained, but in The Bronx alone it was said that it was more than \$100,000. Hundreds of flooded cellars are not included in that estimate.

In New Jersey several severe accidents and a death were reported. At Mount Holly the lightning, making a two inch hole in the farmhouse of Charles Stewart, struck and killed his fourteen-year-old daughter Myrtle. The house was not set afire. Union Hill, Palisades, Fairview, North Bergen and other New Jersey localities reported fires caused by lightning. From up the Hudson it was reported that thunder rolled in one continuous peal for nearly an hour. James H. Scarr at the Weather Bureau said that this was unusual, but may have been due to an illusion caused by the foothills of the Catskills which reverberated with the rolls of thunder, making them sound like one continuous peal.

The lightning struck a small motor boat in the refrigerating plant of the Tidewater Oil Company at Constable Hook, Bayonne. The flagpole of the police station at Richmond Terrace, West New Brighton, was shattered, but the station was not fired.

Mercury Climbs to 91 Just Before Storm Breaks

FIGURES given out yesterday by the Weather Bureau regarding the heat wave which struck the city just before the big electrical and rain storm gave the highest point reached by the mercury as 91. Unofficial reports showed that this figure was probably lower than the average temperature on the street. One report, from A. Hildebrandt of 1615 St. Nicholas avenue, stated that the temperature on a thermometer in Washington Heights registered 100 at the peak of the heat wave. This was no record for July, although it was an unusually hot day, the weather man admitted. He expects more, however.

JERSEY CITY LOSES DISPUTE ON TUNNEL

Municipality Permanently
Restrained From Interfering
With Tube Construction.

TRENTON, N. J., July 13.—Chancellor Walker to-day permanently enjoined Jersey City from interfering with construction of the twin vehicular tubes between Manhattan and Jersey City under the Hudson River. The Chancellor a week ago granted a temporary restraining order on application of counsel for the New Jersey Bridge and Tunnel Commission when it was alleged the Jersey City police had stopped the contractors from building a power house in the Erie Railroad yards.

Officials of the municipality contended the work could not proceed without a building permit from the city. Chancellor Walker to-day held the power of the State to be sovereign. He reviewed the legislation creating the commission and referred to the magnitude of the undertaking, demonstrated by the contract price of \$12,132,100 and the fact that the time for the completion is fixed at thirty-six months from June 25, 1922.

The Chancellor said counsel for the commission contended the work was being done by the State in its sovereign capacity and was not subject to interference in any way by a municipality. Counsel for Jersey City, the Chancellor went on, contended that even the sovereign State was bound to acknowledge the right of the municipality.

The Chancellor held that Jersey City is not a party to the contract and its building code is subject to the power of the State to modify or annul it at any time. It is expected committee from commissions of both States will meet to-day to consider a celebration in Jersey City of the beginning of actual work there. The New York commission is opposed to the idea its members not wanting to assist Mayor Hague of Jersey City and other officials there in what is characterized as an effort to make political capital out of the tunnel. Most of the Jersey Commissioners are not keen about the affair, tentatively set for July 22.

SALVADOR SEEKS LOAN HERE.

SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, July 13.—The legislative Assembly has approved the contract for a loan of \$16,500,000 in the United States. The newspapers comment favorably on the loan.

LONGS FOR HUNGARY, GIRL KILLS HERSELF

Three Women and a Man Are
Saved After Swallowing
Poison.

One young woman ended her life at Passaic yesterday by inhaling illuminating gas, and four other persons attempted suicide in New York by swallowing various forms of poison, according to police reports.

Leopoldine Novak, aged 19, a servant in the home of Charles Elias, 75 Aycorger avenue, Passaic, committed suicide yesterday by lying on her bed and turning on the gas. The girl, who came to this country from Hungary in November, left notes saying that she was sorry she had come to the United States and that she was depressed about family difficulties. Marion Reynolds, aged 23, of 84 East 176th street, swallowed iodine in the street near 110 Jerome avenue, Morris Park. She was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, where a stomach pump was used. She is expected to recover. She said she was "tired of living."

Harry Shenton, aged 37, a traveling salesman of 80 McDougall street, Brooklyn, attempted suicide last night by swallowing iodine at Ralph avenue and McDougall street after his wife, from whom he has been separated for five years, refused to agree to a reconciliation.

Mrs. Mary Manger, aged 26, wife of the superintendent of an apartment house at 314 West Ninety-fourth street, refused to go to a hospital last night after she had swallowed some carbolic acid. "I'm tired of life," she said, "and I don't want to live any longer." She is the mother of two young children.

Mrs. Ida Winbecker, aged 46, of 210 East 122d street was found unconscious on the floor in her room last night. She had taken bichloride of mercury tablets. Her husband thought she had mistaken the poison for medicine.

MAN CUT IN TURNSTILE LOSES SUIT ON APPEAL

Justices Guy and McCook in the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court yesterday affirmed the decision of Justice Eder in Municipal Court in dismissing the complaint of Louis Chakofsky an engraver of 15 East 108th street, who sued the Interborough Rapid Transit Company for \$1,000 for the laceration of a finger in a subway turnstile.

Justice Blum wrote a dissenting opinion that the company was negligent in permitting a portion of the mechanism of a turnstile to remain exposed.

Chakofsky was injured December 6, 1921, while leaving the Seventh avenue station at Fourteenth street. He claimed loss of pay of \$1 an hour as engraver and \$1 a night as a violinist.

GARDEN VICTIM IDENTIFIED.

Boy Had Gone Swimming After
Giving Excuse to Employers.

The boy whose body was found in the diving hole of the swimming pool at Madison Square Garden Wednesday was identified as Pasquale Giampapa of 4230 Third avenue. He was 15 and lived with his mother, Mrs. Mary Giampapa, a widow, and his married sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Achille Danaa.

Identification was established through receipt slips from the Standard Specialty Mirror Company of 64 East Eighth street, which were found in his clothing left in a locker. He left the place at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, saying he was ill and wanted to go home. It was said by officers of the company.

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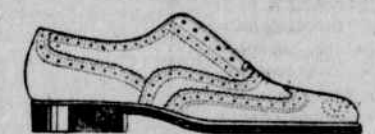
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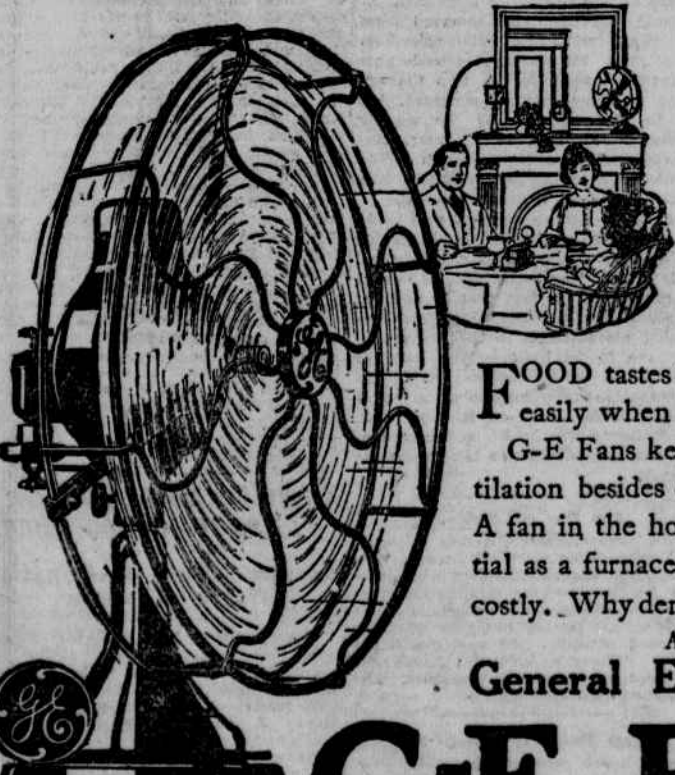


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